ja Cement, Ahmedabad; Uma Engineering Ltd; Ohtario, Canada; J.K. Cement, Delhi etc.

It is not possible to exactly quantify the likely investment to be made by the above parties as of now Most of these proposals are at the tentative stages.

(e) The Government have brought out booklets on the scope of privatisation in the roads, ports, shipping and transport sectors which outline the various projects|schemes where private parties can participate and the broad guidelines to be followed by them.

(f) Removal of deficiencies in the National Highway network are estimated to cost Rs. 25,000 crores at 1994 prices. This is besides construction of a national network of expressways by 2015, needing an investment of about Rs. 80,000 crores.

Dredging Corporation of India

586. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dredging Corporation of India had been assigned the work of dredging and toning of basin of Tapti river at Hazira;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Corporation has suffered losses as a result of the agreement entered into with private companies; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the quantum of losses suffered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLE): (a) and (b) Dredging Corporation of India took up dredging in a limited area in the Tapti river at Hazira in order to meet the navigational requirement only.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir Pending finalisation of a dispute between DCI and one of the private parties, the loss has been provisionally estimated at Rs. 6 crores which was due to the low output of Cutter Suction Dredger "Aquarius" for which technical training from Dutch firm was not forthcoming.

Plan to modernise Harbours in Gujarat Gujarat

587. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to modernise harbours of Gujarat State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Major Port of Kandla in Gujarat State is under the jurisdiction of the Central Government while the projects of intermediate and minor ports are funded under the State Plan. An outlay of Rs. 200 crores has been earmarked in the 8th Plan for Kandla Port. An amount of Rs. 30.92 crores has been provided in Annual Plan 1995-96 for various modernisation/developmental schemes in Kandla Port. The following major schemes have been approved for implementation:—

(i) 4th Oil Jetty,

(ii) 8th General Cargo Berth, and

(iii) Construction of 3rd Oil Jetty which is already in progress.